

What Is Claimed Is:

1 1. In a keyboard having a number of rows of keys, each key
2 having one or more indicia, wherein first, second and third rows
3 include alphabetical keys, the improvement comprising:

4 the first row having 10 alphabet keys beginning at a left
5 side of the row when looking at the keyboard, the row beginning
6 with the letter Q and ending with the letter Z, the letters
7 arranged in alphabetical order between Q and Z;

8 the second row positioned below the first row having nine
9 lettered keys and starting from a left side of the row and
10 continuing toward the right including the consecutive letters L,
11 M, N, O, P, A, B, C, and D; and

12 the third row positioned below the second row having 7
13 lettered keys, wherein, starting from the left side and
14 continuing toward the right side, the row includes the
15 consecutive letters H, I, J, K, E, F, and G.

1 2. A computer or other electronic device or a typewriter
2 including a lettered keyboard configuration according to claim 1.

1 3. The keyboard of claim 1, wherein the keyboard is in two
2 pieces, with one set of letters on one piece and another set on
3 the other piece.

1 4. In a keyboard having a number of rows of keys, each key
2 having one or more indicia, wherein first, second and third rows
3 include alphabetical keys, the improvement comprising: having the
4 second row comprise nine letter keys, and starting from a left
5 side of the row and continuing toward the right including the
6 consecutive letters L, M, N, O, P, A, B, C, and D.

1 5. The keyboard of claim 4, wherein the third row
2 positioned below the second row has 7 lettered keys, wherein,
3 starting from the left side and continuing toward the right side,
4 the row includes the consecutive letters H, I, J, K, E, F, and G.

1 6. The keyboard of claim 4, wherein the first row has 10
2 alphabet keys beginning at a left side of the row when looking at
3 the keyboard, the row beginning with the letter Q and ending with
4 the letter Z, the letters arranged in alphabetical order between
5 Q and Z.

1 7. In a method of typing on a keyboard wherein keys are
2 depressed to display letters or other punctuation, graphics or
3 symbols on a display, the improvement comprising providing the
4 keyboard of claim 4 for typing.

1 8. The method of claim 7, wherein the third row of the
2 keyboard positioned below the second row has 7 lettered keys,
3 wherein, starting from the left side and continuing toward the

4 right side, the row includes the consecutive letters H, I, J, K,
5 E, F, and G.

1 9. The method of claim 8, wherein the first row of the
2 keyboard has 10 alphabet keys beginning at a left side of the row
3 when looking at the keyboard, the row beginning with the letter Q
4 and ending with the letter Z, the letters arranged in
5 alphabetical order between Q and Z.